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RURAL DISTRICT OF KINGSCLERE AND WHITCHURCH  
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

September, 1960.

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District Council:

Mr. Chairman, My Lady, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the District for the year 1959.

I must first record with deep regret the great losses which the Council has suffered in the deaths of Colonel T. Gregory, M.C., T.D., and Commander S.C. Lyttelton.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population of the District is 21,490, an increase of 260 over 1958. The natural increase of population, i.e. the net gain of births over deaths was 189.

The vital statistics do not differ significantly from previous years, and compare favourably with the National figures for England and Wales.

During the year, the Council has made steady progress in its slum clearance programme. A number of unfit houses have been dealt with and families rehoused where necessary.

The question of whether a house is so unfit for human habitation that it is beyond repair at a reasonable cost is sometimes something of an enigma in a rural area. It is surprising what work and expense the average owner occupier is prepared to put into a house, and this no doubt is due to the increasing demand for houses in rural areas for permanent occupation or as week-end cottages.

Nevertheless, if a house is to be let to a tenant the cost of rendering it fit very much depends on the rent which the owner can expect in return, and so in considering the condition of property under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957, for the purpose of slum clearance, one can only consider the property from the point of view of letting, and must ignore altogether the possibility of the property being improved for owner occupation, at what is legally considered to be an unreasonable cost !

Very good progress has also been made in extending piped water supplies to the North Western area of the district,

When the water supply system of the District is eventually taken over by the proposed Water Board, the Council may take pride in its achievements over the years in this vital service for the health of the people.

Once again I have to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector for his report on the sanitary circumstances of the District, also all the staff of the public health department for their continued assistance during the year - especially my secretary, Miss M. B. Lowman.

I should also like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their co-operation and encouragement.

I remain, Mr. Chairman,

My Lady, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

  
Medical Officer of Health.



General Statistics

Area (in acres)	77,394	(77,394)
Registrar General's estimate of mid-year population	21,490	(21,230)
Number of inhabited houses	6,815	(6,641)
Rateable Value	£226,157	(£207,235)
Sum represented by penny rate	£903.8s. 1d	(£838.17s. 9d)

The population trend of Kingsclere and Whitchurch Rural District

is as follows:-

1951	18,640	1955	19,180
1952	18,880	1956	19,350
1953	19,130	1957	20,390
1954	19,000	1958	21,230
	1959	21,490	

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Vital Statistics

		<u>Births</u>	
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total Live Births	413	215	198
Legitimate Live Births	398	208	190
Illegitimate Live Births	15	7	8
Still Births	6	4	2

Birth Rates  
Kingsclere & Whitchurch England & Wales  
Rural District

Live Birth Rate	19.2	16.5
Comparability Factor	1.04	
Corrected Birth Rate	20.0	
Still Birth Rate	14.3	21.0
Illegitimate Birth Rate	3.6 per cent.	5.1 per cent.

Deaths (All Causes)

		<u>Deaths (All Causes)</u>	
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total	224	120	104
Infant Deaths	9	7	2
Neonatal Deaths	5	4	1
Early Neonatal Deaths	5	4	1
Maternal Deaths	1		

Death Rates

Kingsclere & Whitchurch England & Wales  
Rural District

All Causes	10.4	11.6
Comparability Factor	0.99	
Corrected Rate	10.2	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 total births	2.4	

Infant Mortality

Kingsclere & Whitchurch England & Wales  
Rural District

Total Infant Mortality Rate	21.8	22.2
Legitimate Mortality Rate	20.1	
Illegitimate Mortality Rate	66.6	

Neonatal Mortality

Kingsclere & Whitchurch England & Wales  
Rural District

Neonatal Mortality Rate	12.1	15.8
Perinatal Mortality Rate	26.3	34.2
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	12.1	

(The Birth and Death Rates are calculated per 1000 of the population.

The Infantile and Neonatal Mortality Rates are calculated per 1000 live births.

The Still Birth and Perinatal Mortality Rates are calculated per 1000 total births,  
live and still.

The Illegitimate Birth Rate is calculated as a percentage of total live births.)

Vital Statistics

Births

(a) Live Birth Rate

Live births registered during 1959 amounted to 413, 215 boys and 198 girls. The live Birth Rate, corrected for age and sex distribution by the Registrar-General's comparability factor was 20.0 per thousand population. The rate for England and Wales in 1959 was 16.5 per thousand.

(b) Still Birth Rate

The number of still-births was 6, giving a still birth rate of 14.3 per thousand total births (live and still). The figure for England and Wales was 21.0 per thousand total births (live and still).

(c) Deaths

The total number of deaths registered during the year was 224, 120 males and 104 females.

This gives a local death rate, corrected by the Registrar-General's comparability factor for age and sex distribution of 10.2 per thousand population. This again compares favourably with the rate for England and Wales of 11.6 per thousand.

The chief causes of death were proportionately:-

1. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system - 70 deaths (31.2%), of which 29 deaths were due to coronary artery disease.
2. Cancers of various types accounted for 38 deaths (16.9%) of which 9 deaths, 8 men and 1 woman were due to cancer of the lung and bronchus, not quite one quarter of all cancer deaths.
3. Apoplexies or vascular lesions of the central nervous system accounted for 30 deaths (13.4%).
4. Respiratory diseases accounted for 14 deaths (6.2%).

In addition, there were 3 deaths from influenza, and 14 cases of accidental death, of which 5 were associated with motor vehicles.

No deaths resulted from the infectious diseases of childhood, but one death was associated with childbirth.

#### Infantile, Neonatal and Early Neonatal Mortality

Nine deaths of infants under one year were recorded in 1959 giving an infantile mortality rate of 21.8 per thousand live births.

Of these 9 deaths, 5 occurred during the first week of life, giving neonatal and early neonatal mortality rates of 12.1 per thousand live births.

#### Perinatal Mortality Rate

The perinatal mortality rate which is the sum of the still births and the early neonatal deaths per thousand births (live and still), stands at 26.3 compared with 34.2 for England and Wales.

This rate gives a truer picture of mortality from prematurity and congenital malformations than either the still birth or early neonatal mortality rates by themselves, and if the still birth rate is low it is usually matched by a higher early neonatal mortality rate.

Most of the early infant deaths at the present time in this country are due either to prematurity or congenital malformation, and in the present state of our knowledge little can be done to prevent them in most cases.

Possibly earlier marriage and childbirth are having an effect in lowering the national still birth rate, but there is probably a limit below which it is unlikely that the incidence of congenital malformations will enable it to be reduced.

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Infectious Diseases

The incidence of infectious diseases in 1959 was low, apart from measles. The following notifications were received during the year, and the age and sex distribution are shown in tabular form in Appendix 'B'.

Measles 429

Scarlet Fever 19

Erysipelas 1

Food Poisoning 4 cases were notified as suspected food poisoning during the year, but in none of the cases was the diagnosis confirmed, and the patients all made rapid recoveries. One case which was originally notified as dysentery subsequently proved to be infected with Salmonella Typhi-murium, the commonest form of food poisoning.

Pneumonia 10

Puerperal Pyrexia 1

Dysentery 4 cases of Sonne dysentery were notified, including 1 case subsequently diagnosed as Salmonellosis.

Tuberculosis During the year, 6 new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified, and 9 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were transferred from another district. 1 respiratory case died. At the end of the year, 183 cases were on the Tuberculosis Register.

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Immunisation and Vaccination

During 1959 the National poliomyelitis vaccination campaign was intensified to attempt to protect as many children, expectant mothers, and young adults as possible. The response generally was good and by the end of 1959 the total numbers of vaccinations given in the District were:-

	<u>1st &amp; 2nd Injections</u>	<u>3rd Injections</u>
Children (Under 15 years)	2,068	2,817
Young Adults (15-25 years)	1,126	387
Expectant Mothers	147	141
Others	1	4

I am grateful to the press and all those who assisted in the publicity campaign to induce those who were eligible to accept this measure of protection, which it is hoped will ultimately result in a virtual disappearance of this disabling and tragic disease. It was necessary for the department to engage an additional part-time clerical assistant to deal with increasing numbers of record cards and correspondence.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough

Routine immunisation against these two diseases continued during the year. The numbers of immunisation performed and antigens used are shown in the table in Appendix "C". It will be noted that the commonest type of antigen is the Triple Antigen which gives protection against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

An attempt was made during the autumn to improve the immunisation state of the children of school age who required reinforcing booster doses against diphtheria. Altogether 377 children received primary diphtheria immunisation and 568 booster doses were given.

Vaccination Against Small-pox

The County Medical Officer informs me that 279 infants under 1 year were vaccinated during the year. This represents 67.5 per cent. of the total number of babies born during the year, as compared with 68.4 per cent. in 1958.

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National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47.

No formal action was taken under this Section during the year. In all these cases persuasion is preferable to compulsion.

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Administration of Health Services

National Health Service Act, 1946.

The administration of these devolved services is carried out by the Andover and Kingsclere District Health Sub-Committee of the County Council. The County Council is the Local Health Authority, but the District Health Sub-Committee has at its disposal a considerable amount of information and knowledge of the local districts and an important, if not spectacular side of the work, is the appointment of district nurses and a detailed knowledge of conditions in the respective districts. In this way valuable information and advice is given to the Health Committee of the County Council.

Reports are submitted each meeting on infectious diseases, births and deaths, inspection of nurseries, immunisation and vaccination, midwifery and maternity services, home help services, nursing accommodation, and matters of health importance, in which the three districts have a common interest.

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Report of Chief Public Health Inspector

In the pages that follow, the wide field of environmental hygiene is reported on and discussed in detail by the Chief Public Health Inspector.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Premises inspected under the Public Health Acts	277
Houses inspected under the Housing Acts.	466
Inspection of houses for Improvement Grants.	350
Complaints investigated	2
Interviews with owners	9
Revisits to properties under notice	2
Inspections of Factories	29
Inspections of Workshops	3
Investigations into cases of infectious disease	45
Food Poisoning cases	3
Premises disinfested	53
Inspections of moveable dwellings	124
Inspections in connection with Petroleum Acts	13
Inspections of Restaurant Kitchens	19
Inspections of Preserved Food Premises	2
Inspections of Food Stores	100
Inspections under the Shops Acts.	4
Inspections of Butchers Shops	17
Inspections of Ice Cream Premises	31
Inspections of Bakehouses	12
Inspections of Fried Fish Shops	17
Inspections of Dairies	10
Milk Samples	82
Milk Bottle Samples	112
Other Food Samples	8
Inspections of Knackers Yards	43
Inspections of Private Slaughterhouses	66
Inspections of new buildings, conversion, etc.	451
Inspections of premises under Building Byelaws.	208
Drain Testing	112
Inspections of Sewage Works	83
Inspections of Water Pumping Stations, etc.	240
Miscellaneous Inspections	332
Inspections under the Pests Act, 1949.	4,152
Water Inspections	386
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Total inspections	7,862

Housing

Number of Routine Inspections (Housing Act, 1957)	466
Number of houses inspected under the Public Health Act, 1936	276
Number of houses considered unfit for human habitation	33
Number of houses in which defects remedied due to informal action	16
Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to:-	
(a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works	Nil
(b) the making of Demolition or Closing Orders	33
Number of notices served requiring the execution of works	15
Number of houses rendered fit after the service of Formal Notices	Nil
Number of Demolition or Closing Orders made	13
Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Sub-section 3 of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957.	20
Number of houses demolished	2

Private Building

160 houses were constructed by private enterprise in 1959 and are situated in the following parishes :-

Highclere	-	3
Kingsclere	-	16
Overton	-	10
Tadley	-	73
Whitchurch	-	11
Baughurst	-	10
East Woodhay	-	21
Newtown	-	2
St. Mary Bourne	-	2
Burghclere	-	7
Ecchinswell	-	1
Ashmansworth	-	2
Laverstoke	-	2
Total	-	160

Plans Submitted for Approval

(1) Number of Plans submitted for the erection of new houses	104
(2) Number of houses proposed on these plans	352
(3) Number of Plans submitted for the alterations, extension, or modification of existing buildings.	312
(4) Total number of plans submitted	416
(5) Number of plans approved (Byelaws only)	405
(6) Number of plans refused (Byelaws only)	2
(7) Number of plans withdrawn (Byelaws only)	5
(8) Number of plans not subject to Byelaw consent	3

Three plans were not subject to approval under the Council's Building Byelaws, one being an outline application only, and this was forwarded to the County Planning Authority for approval under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947. One other was showing alterations to a school and was forwarded to the Council by the County architect for information, and the other was the erection of married quarters for an Air Base and was exempted from Byelaws as Crown Property.

Number of inspections carried out in connection with the supervision of Building Byelaws was - 659.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement Grants

Applications for Improvement Grant were received in respect of 116 properties. Of this number 2 applications were refused as the conditions laid down in the Act could not be complied with. The estimated cost of carrying out the improvements to the 114 properties for which grants were approved was £70,677. 4s. 4d. and the amount of grant £30,016. 6s. 3d. This is almost 50% higher than last year and shows no signs of diminishing during the current year. The outcome of these efforts is to be seen throughout the district and I have no doubt that as a result of them the rapid decay of many houses has been halted and their life has been increased by at least 15 years. These results have not been achieved without an immense amount of effort from all sections of the staff, as both the Treasurer's and the Clerk's staff, as well as my own, have their particular responsibilities.

Properties for which grants were made are situated as follows:-

Baughurst	-	8
Burghclere	-	13
East Woodhay	-	5
Highclere	-	2
Kingsclere	-	17
Newtown	-	2
Overton	-	8
St. Mary Bourne	-	11
Tadley	-	7
Whitchurch	-	24
Woodcote	-	15
Hurstbourne Priors	-	1
Laverstoke	-	1

This Act came into force on the 14th June and gives assistance to owners in the provision of five standard amenities, i.e. boxed bath or shower in a bathroom; wash-hand basin, hot water supply; water closet in or contiguous to the dwelling and satisfactory facilities for storing food. After the execution of works to the property it must contain all these amenities and not be unfit for human habitation.

The maximum amount of grant which can be given is £155 and this amount is scaled down as some of the standard amenities are already provided.

During the year there were 7 applications, 6 of which were approved; the total cost of the work was £1,555. 9s. 7d. and the grants approved amounted to £732. 6s. 9d.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958.

Loans to purchase new and Existing Houses

The Council approved 36 applications for loans to purchase houses. Of these 36 applications, 18 were for new dwellings, the sum loaned being £29,215 and 18 were for existing dwellings involving loans of £21,605.

The total amount loaned was £50,820.

Housing Progress

The Council now own and control 1,178 dwellings, of which 5 are Ex-Agricultural Hostel hutments at Kingsclere.

48 new dwellings were completed during the year as follows:-

<u>Houses</u>	<u>Bungalows</u>	<u>Flats</u>	<u>Total</u>
28	8	12	48

The 11 hutted camp dwellings at Tadley have been demolished and also 2 houses - 6 & 7, The Lynch, Overton.

Rehousing during the Year

Vacancies in pre-1945 dwellings	3
Vacancies in post-1945 dwellings	26
New building allocations	74
Transfers (17 + 42 reshuffles)	59
Exchanges	9
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Total	171
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Moveable Dwellings (Public Health Act, 1936. Section 269)

There are nine licensed caravan sites in the Rural District, situated as follows:-

Tadley	1.	Licensed for 61 caravans.
	2.	Licensed for 5 caravans.
	3.	Licensed for 2 caravans.
St. Mary Bourne (Picket Piece)		Licensed for 12 caravans.
Whitchurch		Licensed for 10 caravans.
Overton		Licensed for 20 caravans.
Headley	1.	Licensed for 12 caravans.
	2.	Licensed for 3 caravans.
Echinswell		Licensed for 2 caravans.
	Total	129.

During the year, permission was given for moveable dwellings to be stationed in the district as follows:-

<u>Area</u>	<u>No. Licensed</u>	<u>No. Removed</u>	<u>Remaining at End of Year</u>
Whitchurch	3	-	3
Headley	5	2	3
Newtown	2	-	2
St. Mary Bourne	2	-	2
Tadley	15	7	8
Kingsclere	10	1	9
Overton	3	1	2
Hightclere	1	-	1
Echinswell	5	1	4
Burghclere	2	1	1
Ashford Hill	1	1	0
Woolton Hill	5	-	5
Baughurst	2	-	2
	<u>56</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>42</u>

Total of licensed caravans in the area at the end of the year - 171.

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FOOD SUPPLIES

Dairies

The standard of cleanliness and hygiene existing in the past has been well maintained. Premises are situated as follows:-

Overton	-	2.	Kingsclere	-	1.
Whitchurch	-	1.	East Woodhay	-	1.

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk) Regulations 1949/53.

Pasteurised

Dealers

W. C. Trice, Ball Hill.  
Basingstoke Co-operative Society Ltd., Franklin Avenue, Tadley.  
E. Nightingale, Moores Farm, Overton.  
Test Vale Dairy, Whitchurch.  
H.A. Job, Limited, 4, Mulfords Hill, Tadley. +  
Eunice Lyons, Greyhound Lane, Overton. +  
Andover Co-operative Society, Newbury Street, Whitchurch. +  
W. Horne & Sons, 31, Winchester Street, Whitchurch.  
A.H. Jenkins, Coldlands Farm, Newtown.  
G.H.R. Nunn, George Street, Kingsclere.  
R. Smithers, Post Office Stores, Ashford Hill. +  
Swinford & Crowe, Overton. +  
H. A. Job, The Depot, Mulfords Hill, Tadley. +

+ included the retail  
of Sterilised milk.

Supplementary

Messrs. Lovells Dairy, 47, High Street, Andover.  
H.F. Davis, Tudor Dairies, Ashe Park, Nr. Overton.  
Messrs. Newbury Creameries Limited, Newbury. +  
Messrs. Andover Creameries, Andover. +  
Andover Co-operative Society. +  
Hampshire Dairies Ltd., Basingstoke. +  
The Heatherwold Dairy, Newbury.  
S.R. Meier, 45, Roman Road, Worting.

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949/54.

Dealers

The Basingstoke Co-operative Society.  
E. Nightingale, Moores Farm, Overton.  
Messrs. Job, Ltd., 4, Mulfords Hill, Tadley.  
Mrs. Eunice Lyons, 3, Greyhound Lane, Overton.  
G.H.R. Nunn, George Street, Kingsclere.  
R. Smithers, Post Office & Stores, Ashford Hill.  
Swinford & Crowe, Overton.  
W.C. Trice, Ball Hill, East Woodhay.  
Mr. J. Mullen, Bungalow Stores, Heath End, Baughurst.  
Messrs. Job Ltd., Depot, Mulfords Hill, Tadley.

Supplementary

Messrs. Newbury Creameries, Ltd., Newbury.  
 Andover Co-operative Society, Andover.  
 Andover Creameries Ltd., Andover.  
 Hampshire Dairies Ltd., 4, Vyne Road, Basingstoke.  
 S. R. Meier, 45, Roman Road.  
 Newbury Creameries Ltd., Newbury.  
 Mrs. Hogg, Ibthorpe House, Hurstbourne Tarrant.

Samples of Milk and Milk Containers

79 samples of milk were taken during the year, together with 42 samples of milk containers.

All the samples of milk received satisfactory reports from the Public Health Laboratory indicating that both raw and heat treated milk sold within the District maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

The standard of cleanliness of milk bottles, samples of which were taken after they had been put through the cleansing processes at various Dairies in the district was extremely high as the undermentioned statistics indicate.

Colony Count Per Bottle

<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Fairly Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Average</u>
<u>- 600</u>	<u>600-2,000</u>	<u>+ 2,000</u>	<u>Bottles</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Mean</u>
			<u>No Count</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Bottle</u>
					<u>Count</u>
40	1	1	9	3,600	137

Both bottles showing colony counts in excess of 600 were taken from a dairy on the same day.

The results of the 3 bottles taken on that day were 320; 770; and 3,600 colony count per bottle. The system of bottle washing used at the dairy was investigated and certain suggestions were made to the dairyman, as a result of which on the next batch of milk bottles taken three weeks later, the results were 2; 52; and 95.

Except for this one case, the standard of hygiene existing in the district was maintained throughout the year.



Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954.

The following animals were inspected during the year:—

Bullocks	-	90
Heifers	-	23
Calves	-	6
Swine	-	138
Sheep	-	264
Lambs	-	11

Slaughtermen

Licences were issued to 13 persons residing within the district during the year.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Parts

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>Excluding</u> <u>Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number killed (if known)	113	-	6	272	138	-
Number inspected	113	-	6	272	138	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	18	-	-	3	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	15.9%	-	16.7%	1.5%	2.9%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercus only</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

110 lbs. of meat and 286 lbs. of offal were condemned during the year.

The following diseased conditions were encountered and the number of cases of each are stated.

Abscesses	-	3
Cirrhosis	-	2
Pleurisy	-	2
Oedema	-	1
Bruising	-	3
Distomatosis	-	6
Pyresia	-	1
Parasitic	-	4
Pyæmia	-	1
Pemoanditis	-	1

The total weight of unsound meat condemned during the period was:-

3 cwts.                      2 qrs.                      4 lbs.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.

There are 80 premises registered for the sale of pre-packed ice-cream and their distribution is as follows:-

Ashmansworth	1	Kingsclere	14
Baughurst	7	Newtown	1
Burghclere	3	Overton	9
East Woodhay	8	St. Mary Bourne	5
Eochinswell	3	Tadley	11
Highclere	2	Whitchurch	16

These figures show an increase of 5 registrations during the year.

Condemnation of Diseased or Unsound Foodstuffs

The number of routine visits paid to food premises during the year was 228, and as a result of these inspections the following foodstuffs were condemned:-

Tinned Meat	-	15 lbs. 4 ozs.	Vegetables	-	3 lbs. 9 ozs.
Milk	-	2 tins	Fish	-	1 lb. 1 oz.
Fruit	-	15 lbs. 12½ ozs.	Other Foodstuffs	-	2 lbs. 2 ozs.

These condemned foodstuffs were disposed of at the Council's Refuse Tips.

Food Premises Within the District

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Knacker's Yards</u>	<u>Butchers Shops</u>	<u>Bake- houses</u>	<u>Fried Fish Shops</u>	<u>Sausage Manufac- turers</u>	<u>Grocers &amp; Green- Grocers</u>	<u>Cafes &amp; Restaurant Kitchens</u>	<u>Public Houses</u>
Ashmansworth	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Baughurst	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6
Burghclere	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	3
East Woodhay	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	4
Eechinswell & Sydmonton	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1
Higglere	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Hurstbourne Priors	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Kingsclere	-	1	3	1	1	11	3	7
Laverstoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Newtown	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Oxerton	-	3	1	1	3	11	3	6
St. Mary Bourne	1	1	-	-	1	6	-	5
Tabley	-	3	-	1	1	12	1	3
Whitchurch	-	5	2	1	5	15	2	11
<u>Totals</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>51</u>

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Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The Council v Messrs. Weston - Chibnalls, Limited.

On September 25th, 1959, proceedings were taken under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act against Messrs. Weston - Chibnalls, Limited. The case concerned a bread roll which, when cut open, was found by the purchaser to contain a piece of black cotton, twine or bristle, which was embedded in the substance of the roll.

The defendants pleaded guilty and were fined £2. 0s. 0d. and ordered to pay £3. 2s. 0d. costs.

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Water Supplies

101 water samples were taken for bacteriological examination during the year and the following results obtained:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>			<u>Unsatisfactory</u>			<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Council Houses</u>	
Ashmansworth	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Baughurst	2	2	3	7	-	-	14
Burghclere	1	2	4	5	-	-	12
East Woodhay	4	1	-	6	5	-	16
Highclere	-	1	4	-	3	2	10
Kingsclere	-	8	-	4	-	-	12
Newtown	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Overton	4	4	-	8	-	-	16
St. Mary Bourne	2	1	4	-	-	-	7
Whitchurch	2	7	-	2	-	-	11
	<u>17</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>101</u>

The reason for the 8 unsatisfactory samples from public supplies is that these samples were taken from new mains which were not yet in use. Each main was cleansed, retested and proved to be free from contamination before connections were allowed to be used.

When the report of the Public Health Laboratory showed that a supply was unsatisfactory, both owner and occupier were informed.

Occupiers were advised to boil all water used for drinking purposes, and owners were asked to take such steps as were considered necessary to provide a pure water supply to the property concerned. In certain cases these works entailed connection of the property to the Council's mains.

## Public Water Supplies

There are three major pumping stations in the Rural District situated at Kingsclere, Overton and Whitchurch, and one small pumping station at Ashmansworth.

It is anticipated that the Ashmansworth pumping station will be closed down in the early part of 1960, and the area supplied will be connected to the North Western area of supply, the water being pumped from the Kingsclere water pumping station.

During the year, the Council discontinued taking a bulk supply from the Newbury Corporation Waterworks and the parishes of Newtown, Burghclere and East Woodhay are now obtaining their water from the Kingsclere pumping station.

The relaying and repairs to the Whitchurch mains were completed at the end of 1958, and this has resulted in a tremendous saving of water, the actual saving during the year 1959 amounted to 47,857,000 gallons resulting in an estimated saving of £797. 5s. Od. in pumping costs for the 12 months.

### Kingsclere Pumping Station

This pumping station supplies water to Kingsclere, Hannington, Ashford Hill, Headley, Eccninswell, Bishops Green, Baughurst, Burghclere, Newtown, Highclere, Woolton Hill, Ball Hill and East Woodhay.

There are now six reservoirs giving a total storage capacity of 735,000 gallons. The total number of gallons of water pumped during the year was 93,657,000.

Overton Pumping Station

This pumping station supplies Overton and part of Laverstoke and can also afford a supply through to Whitchurch and St. Mary Bourne in the event of the Whitchurch Pumping Station breaking down.

There is one reservoir giving a storage capacity of 500,000 gallons.

The total number of gallons of water pumped during the year was 68,482,000.

Whitchurch Pumping Station

This pumping station supplies water to Whitchurch, St. Mary Bourne and Hurstbourne Priors and a bulk supply is also afforded to Longparish in the Rural District of Andover.

There are two reservoirs giving a total storage capacity of 215,000 gallons.

The total number of gallons of water pumped during the year was <sup>53,010,000</sup>~~53,040~~ gallons.

Ashmansworth Pumping Station

This pumping station supplies part of the Parish of Ashmansworth and has one small reservoir of 20,000 gallons capacity.

The total number of gallons pumped during the year was 5,500,000 gallons.

The Parish of Tadley is supplied with water from the Mid Wessex Water Company. The estimated supply from the Mid Wessex main to the parish of Tadley was 74,763,520 gallons. The total amount of water pumped during the year was 220,699,000 gallons.

Private Connections (Council's Mains)	-	3,585
Private Connections (Mid Wessex Mains)	-	1,088
Metered Connections to farms and business premises	-	477
Total premises connected	-	5,150

Number of new connections made to the Council's mains during the year was 364, and to the Mid Wessex mains 98.

Samples, both bacteriological and chemical, were taken from all public supplies during the year, and were found to be satisfactory.

REFUSE

The Refuse collection which is carried out once per week throughout the Rural District is a "Kerbside" collection, although in the case of very old people living on their own and invalids, arrangements are made upon request for the refuse bins to be collected from the back doors.

The Council have four refuse freighters, makers Shelvoke and Drewry. Two Chelsea type 11.3 Cubic Yard capacity side loaders, petrol driven, which were purchased in 1948 (Registration Nos. GHO 759 and GOR 563).

Two Fore and Aft Tippers, 18 cubic yard capacity, back loaders, diesel driven, one being purchased in 1956 and the other purchased in 1958. (Registration Nos. POT 497 and TOU 887.)

One of the Chelsea type side loaders is used as a standby vehicle and is also brought into use to cope with holiday periods. There is no doubt that before long this vehicle will be required at least two days per week to help in the Tadley area of the Rural District, where the population is steadily increasing due to the building development taking place. The disposal of refuse is by means of dumping in large pits. This is, of course not the ideal method, the best method being controlled tipping in which the refuse is deposited in layers not exceeding 4' 6" deep, each load being covered as soon as possible after being tipped. This means that land must be obtained, bulldozed out to the required depth and the soil so removed, used for covering.

There are at present three tips in use and they are situated at Juniper Down, (Stoke), Eechinswell Road, (Kingsclere), and Oxford Lane, (Ashford Hill). Two more tips were brought into use during the year, one situated on Mr. Gray's land, Hurstbourne Park, for Whitchurch refuse, and the other at Nutley Bottom, Ashe, belonging to Mr. Streatfield-Moore, for Overton refuse.



The labour force consists of one spare Loader-driver, 3 Loader-drivers, 6 Loaders and 3 tipmen. Help has to be given occasionally, by drawing labour from our men at the Depot.

The Rural District is divided into three areas for the purpose of refuse collection.

Daily Work

Total tonnage of refuse collected daily	29 tons
Total number of refuse bins emptied daily	1,357 bins
Total number of miles travelled daily	135 miles

Weekly Work

Total tonnage of refuse collected weekly	145 tons
Total number of refuse bins emptied weekly	6,785 bins
Total number of miles travelled weekly	673 miles

Yearly Work

Total tonnage of refuse collected yearly	7,540 tons
Total number of refuse bins emptied yearly	352,820 bins
Total number of miles travelled yearly	34,996 miles

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Sewage Disposal

Sewage Works owned by the Council are situated at Kingsclere, Overton, Whitchurch and Silchester (Tadley Sewage Works). There is also a Sewage pumping station at Laverstoke which pumps sewage from Laverstoke to the Overton Sewage pumping station.

There is also a sewage works situated at Bishops Green, Eechinswell, owned by the Air Ministry. These works take the domestic sewage from Greenham Common Airfield (situated in Berkshire) and the Council by agreement discharges the domestic sewage from some 100 dwellings at Bishops Green into these works.

In the remainder of the district, sewage is dealt with by

(a) Septic tank or Cesspool (b) Earth Closet, as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Earth Closets</u>	<u>Septic Tanks</u>
Ashmansworth	43	35
Baughurst	160	140
Burghclere	185	129
East Woodhay	359	189
Eechinswell and Sydmonton	132	37
Highclere	90	83
Hurstbourne Priors	114	17
Kingsclere	430	234
Laverstoke	42	4
Litchfield and Woodcott	38	19
Newtown	39	41
Overton	206	104
St. Mary Bourne	146	215
Tadley	341	136
Whitchurch	320	57

Number of premises connected to sewer	-	2,204
Number of new connections during year	-	20
Total number of premises connected	-	<u>2,224</u>

The total number of gallons of sewage pumped during the year is set out hereunder.

Kingsclere Sewage Works	-	23,342,400 gallons.
Tadley Sewage Works	-	79,718,000 gallons.
Whitchurch Sewage Works	-	66,578,000 gallons.
Overton Sewage Works	-	55,218,500 gallons.
		<u>Total</u> 224,886,900 gallons.

In addition to these major sewage works there are 18 small sewage disposal plants dealing with sewage from the undermentioned Council House

Sites:-

Number of Houses Served

Ashmansworth		6
Ashford Hill	- Holt Cottages	12
	Inhurst	8
Burghclere	- Breachfield	46
Highclere	- Penwood	18
	Highclere Street	6
Newtown	- Jonathon Hill	14
East Woodhay	- Copner	12
	Tile Barn	16
St. Mary		
Bourne	- Queens Cottages	4
	Fishers Field	12
	Stevens Green	17
	Swampton	5
	Batsford	6
	Stoke	4
Headley	- Thornfield	18
Wolverton	- Townsend	6

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Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Rodent Control Work for the 12 months ending December, 1959.

<u>Number of Properties Inspected</u>	<u>Dwelling Houses</u>	<u>Business Premises</u>	<u>Agricultural Properties</u>
Inspected under the Act	4112	91	454
Inspected at request of occupiers	160	5	57
<u>Number of Properties Treated</u>	2045	12	213

Local authority Properties

Inspected weekly.  
Refuse Tips and sewage disposal works are kept under constant supervision.

<u>Materials used</u>	<u>cwts.</u>	<u>grs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Oatmeal -	52	2	0
Warfarin -	5	0	0
Cynag -	-	-	15

Some of the material was sold to people who wished to carry out their own rat destruction.

Warfarin and oatmeal mixed ready for use	-	11	0	23
Warfarin	-	2	0	2½

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Storage of Petroleum

Licences to store petroleum spirit were issued to 98 applicants situated as follows:-

Ashmansworth	-	3
Baughurst	-	3
Burghclere	-	4
East Woodhay	-	7
Ecchinswell & Sydmonton	-	3
Highclere	-	7
Hurstbourne Priors	-	2
Kingsclere	-	10
Newtown	-	2
Overton	-	14
St. Mary Bourne	-	12
Tadley	-	6
Whitchurch	-	15
Hannington	-	2
Headley	-	5
Wolverton	-	1
Woolton Hill	-	2

The total amount of petroleum stores under licence within the district is:- 140,660 gallons.

Game Licences

Number of licences issued during the year - 14

Factories

The following factories are situated within the Rural District:-

Paper Mills	2	Shoe Repair Shops	2
Gas Works	-	Blacksmiths' Works	5
Soap Works	1	Agricultural Engineers	3
Garage and Engineering	27	Dry Cleaners	1
Silk Mills	1	Bakeries	8
Joinery Works	12	Lime Kiln	1
Quilters	1		

Number of inspections made - 29. No defects were found.

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RAINFALL - 1959

Two rain gauges are located in the Rural District and one at Silchester in the Rural District of Basingstoke. They are situated as follows:-

1. The Council Offices, Kingsclere.
2. The Tadley Sewage Works, Inhams Copse, Silchester.
3. The Council Depot, Whitchurch.

1. Rainfall recorded at The Council Offices, Kingsclere.

Total for the year	-	28.585 inches.
Wettest Month-December	-	6.48 inches
Driest Month -September-		.05 inches.

The heaviest rainfall was on the 10th July when .85 inches was recorded. Rain fell on 123 days.

2. Rainfall recorded at Tadley Sewage Works, Inhams Copse, Silchester.

Total for the year	-	30.338 inches.
Wettest month-December	-	6.00 inches.
Driest month -September-		.05 inches.

The heaviest rainfall was on the 10th July, when .89 inches was recorded. Rain fell on 138 days.

3. Rainfall recorded at The Depot, Whitchurch.

Total for the year	-	28.315 inches.
Wettest month-December	-	5.96 inches.
Driest month -September-		-

The heaviest rainfall was on the 6th December when .97 inches was recorded. Rain fell on 110 days.

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Tuberculosis

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases and Transfers</u>						<u>Deaths</u>					
	<u>Respiratory</u>			<u>Non-Respiratory</u>			<u>Respiratory</u>			<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 -												
1 -		1				1						
5 -												
15 -		1	3			4						
25 -		2	3			5						
35 -		1				1						
45 -		1	2			3						
55 -		1				1						
65 and upwards									1			1
Age Unknown												
<u>Total</u>		7	8			15				1		1

Cases on Tuberculosis Register on 31st December, 1959.  
(31st December, 1958 in brackets)

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Respiratory	75	(70)	71	(64)	146	(134)
Non-Respiratory	14	(14)	23	(23)	37	(37)
<u>Total</u>	89	(84)	94	(87)	183	(171)

During the year, the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register has increased by 12 as shown in the second Table. There were 9 transfers from other districts - all respiratory cases, 6 new respiratory cases, and 1 death as shown in the first Table. In addition, 2 cases left the district.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases

Final numbers according to sex and age after corrections of cases of infectious and other notifiable diseases notified during the year ended 31st December, 1959:-

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>Scarlet Fever</u>			<u>Whooping Cough</u>			<u>Measles</u>		
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 year							6	3	9
1 year							5	9	14
2 years		2	2				19	23	42
3 years	2	1	3				14	13	27
4 years	1	1	2				23	23	46
5 - 9 years	6	2	8				104	131	235
10 -14 years	2	1	3				20	24	44
15 -24 years							2	3	5
25 and over		1	1				3	1	4
Age Unknown							2	1	3
Total(All Ages)	11	8	19	-	-	-	198	231	429

	<u>Acute Pneumonia</u>			<u>Puerperal Pyrexia</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Under 5 years		1	1	1 Female
5 -14 years	1	1	2	<u>Erysipelas</u>
15 -44 years		1	1	1 Male Aged 65 and over
45 -64 years	4		4	<u>Dysentery</u>
65 and over		2	2	1 Female Aged 3 years
Total(All Ages)	5	5	10	3 Female Aged 25 and over

Suspected Food Poisoning

- 1 Male Aged 7 years
  - 1 Male Aged 12 years
  - 1 Male Aged 44 years
  - 1 Male Aged 50 years
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Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisations  
Completed During the Year 1959.

<u>Age at date of final primary injection (as regards Col. 2) or of rein- forcing injection (as regards Col. 3)</u>	<u>Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation</u>	<u>Number of children who received a rein- forcing injection</u>
<u>Diphtheria alone</u>		
Under 1 year	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-
5 - 14 years	14	29
<u>Total</u>	14	29
<u>Diphtheria/Whooping Cough Combined</u>		
Under 1 year	1	-
1 - 4 years	1	-
5 - 14 years	1	18
<u>Total</u>	3	18
<u>Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus Combined</u>		
Under 1 year	143	-
1 - 4 years	119	5
5 - 14 years	93	514
<u>Total</u>	355	519
<u>Diphtheria/Tetanus Combined</u>		
Under 1 year	-	-
1 - 4 years	4	2
5 - 14 years	-	-
<u>Total</u>	4	2
<u>Whooping Cough Alone</u>	1	-

Vaccinations (Smallpox)

<u>Number Vaccinated</u>	<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2-4</u>	<u>5-14</u>	<u>15 &amp; over</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st January-30th June	145	7	9	5	3	169
1st July-31st December	134	5	4	2	1	146
<u>Number Re-Vaccinated</u>						
1st January-30th June	-	-	-	3	22	25
1st July-31st December	-	-	1	2	19	22
						<u>362</u>

Table of Deaths

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(2)
Tuberculosis, other	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Syphilitic disease	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Diphtheria	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Whooping Cough	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Meningococcal infections	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Acute poliomyelitis	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Measles	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	(3)	2	(1)	6	(4)
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	(13)	1	(1)	9	(14)
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	(0)	4	(2)	4	(2)
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	(0)	3	(2)	3	(2)
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	10	(5)	6	(10)	16	(15)
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)
Diabetes	1	(0)	2	(2)	3	(2)
Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	(10)	16	(13)	30	(23)
Coronary disease, angina	14	(23)	15	(11)	29	(34)
Hypertension with heart disease	5	(2)	1	(3)	6	(5)
Other heart disease	21	(25)	24	(24)	45	(49)
Other circulatory disease	2	(5)	2	(2)	4	(7)
Influenza	1	(2)	2	(0)	3	(2)
Pneumonia	2	(8)	5	(5)	7	(13)
Bronchitis	2	(1)	4	(1)	6	(2)
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	(1)	0	(1)	1	(2)
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(1)
Nephritis and nephrosis	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(1)
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(1)
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Congenital malformations	4	(1)	1	(2)	5	(3)
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	(7)	7	(5)	20	(12)
Motor vehicle accidents	4	(1)	1	(3)	5	(4)
All other accidents	4	(2)	5	(2)	9	(4)
Suicide	1	(1)	0	(1)	1	(2)
Homicide and operations of war	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)
All causes	120	(114)	104	(94)	224	(208)

Health Visitors

Mrs. A. Mathis  
Miss E. Brady  
Miss N. White  
Mrs. D. Taylor

District Nurse/Midwives

Bourne Valley - District Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitor

Miss J. W. Parnell

Kingsclere

Mrs. J. Dann

Burghclere

Miss I. Fulluck

Highclere - District Nurse/Midwife/Health Visitor

Miss J. A. Bright

Overton

Mrs. A. Marner

Tadley

Miss O. M. Jeppa  
Mrs. E.M.L. Smith

Whitchurch

Mrs. A. R. Lockey

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Child Welfare Centres

Bishops Green	The Hall	2nd Tuesday
Burnham Copse	Police Recreation Hall	Every Wednesday
Kingsclere	The Club	2nd Wednesday
Overton	St. Mary's Hall	1st & 3rd Friday
St. Mary Bourne	Parish Room	4th Tuesday
Tadley	Memorial Hall	1st Tuesday
Whitchurch	Church Hall	2nd Friday
Woolton Hill	Parish Hall	3rd Wednesday

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